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BRIEF OUTLINE OF CURRENT EVENTS
ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE

Condensed Resume of the Week's Happenings
Covering Events of Interest from Nearby
Places—Will Allow Rapid Scanning

New Transpacific Liners

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Three 12,000-ton ships will be added to the transpacific fleet of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

To Vote School Bonds

REDONDO BEACH, Feb. 24.—Bonds for a \$150,000 high school building are to be voted in this city late in March, the exact date to be set by a committee from the local board of education and Mark Keppel, county superintendent of schools.

Citrus League Gives Tip

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—The prevention of heavy loss to Southern California citrus growers is intended by the Citrus Protective league, which has just issued instructions for the protection of orchard heaters. The attention of orchardists is called to the proper care of oil pots and to the suggestion that loss from rust can be averted by dipping the heaters in asphaltum before use.

State's Prison Population Growing

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—California's prison population is growing by leaps and bounds, according to Dennis M. Duffy, president of the state board of prison directors. One hundred and nine men and two women were convicted of felonies in the state and sentenced to San Quentin and Folsom prisons during January, bringing the total prison population up to 3182, the highest mark it has ever reached.

Letter Minus Stamp Goes Collect

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—If you mail a letter to your fiancée and forget to put a two-cent stamp on it, the letter will be forwarded just the same, but the recipient will have to pay four cents for it.

The order came from Postmaster Burleson at Washington, and is aimed to expedite the passage of mail. The old order required the addressee to forward stamps amounting to the unpaid postage to the postoffice before the letter could be sent to its destination.

Find "Comet" Is Oil Well

WHITTIER, Feb. 24.—The mysterious "comet" discovered the night of January 21 has made its second appearance.

Thousands of people in Los Angeles and vicinity who viewed a shaft of light in the night sky believed it to be a "comet."

After having been besieged with telephone calls, the astronomers at Mount Wilson and Mount Lowe declared the "comet" to be the reflection of a burning oil gusher at the Coyote wells district, near Fullerton.

"Movie" May Quit Hollywood

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—Little Rock, Arkansas, may secure the operating plant of the Universal Film Manufacturing company, now located in Hollywood.

This declaration was made by W. H. Swanson, a director and former vice-president of the company and its largest stockholder.

Swanson and Carl Laemmle, president of the Universal company, are looking over the local situation. He says that the weekly pay roll of the Los Angeles plant is \$20,000.

Deer in Deadly Embrace

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 24.—With their horns interlocked so that it has been impossible to extricate them, hunters at Priest Lake, in Northern Idaho, last week found the bodies of two big deer which had battled for supremacy in the forest. One of the bucks already had expired, but the other was still alive when found by the hunters.

One buck had fourteen points on its antlers, and the other ten. The hunters attempted to force the antlers apart, but have been unsuccessful. The heads will be mounted in their deadly embrace.

Auto Sinks Motor Boat in Street

VENICE, Feb. 24.—Here is the most unusual accident on record in Venice: Mayor Holbrook, in an automobile, collided with a motor boat on the flooded Rialto, Venice.

Harry Grant was running the motor boat, looking for persons to rescue from flooded houses. Mayor Holbrook, who is a butcher, was delivering orders.

The motor boat was wrecked and sank.

For the first time in history, an automobile rescued the crew of a motor boat in the latter's native element. Both men escaped injury.

50 CARS OF CELERY STILL TO GO EAST

SANTA ANA, Feb. 24.—Secretary Johnson of the Celery Growers' association reports that but a very small acreage of celery was lost during the recent rains. In some few places plants suffered from standing in water, but as a rule the drainage of the lands was such as to do very little harm.

All early varieties have practically been shipped out. There are still about fifty carloads to go out in the next week or two.

Of Green Tops, the late variety, there will be none ready for shipping in February, the bulk of the crop coming in during March.

DECLARES FARMERS SHOULD ADVERTISE

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 24.—That success in farming means not only to economically raise the largest possible amounts of the different crops and produce, but to sell these at the best advantage, was the statement of Andrew W. Hopkins, agricultural editor of the University of Wisconsin Press Bulletin, in an address on "Advertising for the Farmer" before the County Life conference here.

Mr. Hopkins called attention to the merits of using the want ad columns in local newspapers for increasing sales, now that the parcel post weight limit has been raised to fifty pounds. He also exhibited several samples of neat and convenient packages for marketing, and suggested how they might be used advantageously in selling farm produce.

Quality of the product, however, must be the keynote in all advertising campaigns, the speaker said. Without that the results will be short-lived. Another important factor in successful selling of farm products is to dispose of them under a special brand.

UNCLE SAM RULES THAT "EGGS IS EGGS"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—"Eggs is eggs," ruled the department of agriculture in slapping the wrists of those manufacturers who have been slipping yellow baking powder over on the housewives as a substitute for hen fruit.

The department has been asked by manufacturers to allow the sale of a product known as "egg powder," or "egg substitute," made from a baking powder containing ground rice with a filler and colored yellow with powdered turmeric. Holding that "these designations would undoubtedly lead the ordinary purchaser to believe the product either to be made from eggs or to have the effect of eggs in baking," the department refused to sanction the sale of such goods.

INHERITANCE TAX OF \$250,651 PAID

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 24.—The largest individual inheritance tax so far paid to the state, amounting to \$250,651, was reported to State Controller E. Fox on the estate of Sarah Chambers. It is on the estate of Sarah E. Fox of San Jose, appraised at \$1,349,452. All of the tax except \$50,000 was paid by John Gillon, who is the chief beneficiary. As he was not a blood relative, he therefore had the highest rate under the law.

PANAMA CANAL OPENS JULY FIRST

COLONEL GOETHALS SETS OFFICIAL DATE AT WASHINGTON

Official Opposed to Exemption of United States Ships From Tolls, as it Will Decrease Revenue From Canal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—"Barring unforeseen accidents, the Panama canal will be opened for passage of commercial vessels July 1."

This statement was made by Colonel Goethals, who came to Washington to confer with the president and secretary of war.

Colonel Goethals said: "Of course, the actual date for opening the canal depends on such a number of details that it is impossible to predict the exact hour when the canal will open, but my expectation is that the first commercial ship will pass through not later than July 1."

"We don't anticipate any further slides on the canal, although it must be admitted that these may occur at any time. We have provided against these mishaps as fast as possible. Fortification of the canal is practically completed. The engineering work in connection with the protection of the Atlantic end of the canal is finished entirely, and on the Pacific nearly completed. Army engineers built such powerful fortifications that it practically would be impossible for any foreign force to get within striking distance of the canal, once the big guns are in position."

"The opening of the canal will be practically simultaneous with the completion of fortifications, so there will be no danger that the United States will lose the result of her hard labor and great expense."

Speaking of canal tolls, Colonel Goethals said:

"I was always opposed to exemption of American ships from tolls. I know nothing of the legal side of the matter, because I am not a lawyer, but I do not believe in exempting any vessels from payment of tolls, because this will decrease the revenues of the canal."

Goethals conferred with Secretary of War Garrison and Secretary of the Navy Daniels. He will return to Panama by April 1.

LOSS NOT GREAT; RANCHERS HOPEFUL

SAN BERNARDINO, Feb. 24.—While the present storm has been the heaviest in the history of San Bernardino, with railroad service paralyzed, the ranchers and orchardists have suffered no great losses and are optimistic. The rainfall for the storm has been 4.50 inches, and for the season 15.09 inches. Five miles of track are reported washed out in Cajon pass. More than a half dozen passenger trains are stalled at Barstow.

FAMINE DEATH ROLL IS FIFTY THOUSAND

TOKIO, Feb. 23.—That over 50,000 have perished in the northern section of the empire, where millions are starving as a result of the failure of the rice crop, is the information brought here in dispatches received from the government investigators. Some measure of relief was afforded by the government, but the distress was increased to a great measure by an epidemic of disease that broke out. Physicians sent to the stricken section were unable to cope with the situation.

STORM OF GREAT BENEFIT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRACTICALLY NO DAMAGE DONE EXCEPT IN THE VICINITY OF RIVERS EXCEPT TO TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES

Orchardists and Agriculturalists Declare That the Benefits That Will Result From Heavy Rains Will Offset Any Damage Which Has Been Done—Railway Companies Suffer Most

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—Completely isolated from the outside world by every means of transportation and communication, Los Angeles began reckoning the damage, estimated at nearly \$3,000,000, inflicted by the four days' storm, the worst in its history. Simultaneously, every city, town and hamlet in Southern California also began to count the cost, for no community, apparently, was too small to escape visitation by the turbulent elements.

Ranchers near the old Mission road on the banks of the San Gabriel sent out an appeal for help when the waters swept in on them. Aid was rushed to these places by the council and Commercial club of Whittier.

No railroad trains in or out of the city, many interurban lines hopelessly crippled, telegraph and telephone wires down in many directions, and the local street car system partially out of commission, sums up the situation. Thousands of persons walked to work during the four hours that the electric power was shut off because of the toppling wire towers Saturday. An optimistic note prevailed, however, and from the fruit and agricultural districts came reports that the storm probably would be a blessing in disguise, the benefits ultimately proving greater than the losses.

Orchardists and agriculturalists declared that the benefits that would result from the heavy rain would greatly offset any damage that had been done. The impounding of waters in the natural watersheds of the mountains will mean health and wealth for an entire year to those who draw their living from the soil, and will mean added prosperity in every line of trade, it is declared.

The rain, according to experts, has been beneficial to the citrus crops. Only in a few isolated districts have the orchards suffered by washouts. In the orchards where the trees put in excellent shape by the rain, and thousands of dollars usually spent for irrigation have been saved. The picking of the last part of the crop has been delayed a little, but the fruit generally is reported in excellent condition, and because of the delay in shipment, will bring a better price when it reaches the Eastern markets.

CONAN DOYLE URGES 1915 FAIR EXHIBIT

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has forwarded a petition signed by twenty-nine well-known authors to Premier Asquith, urging the government to reconsider its decision not to participate in the Panama-Pacific exposition.

The petitioners lay stress on the fact that the sum involved would appear moderate "as compared to the very great harm which might come from any deterioration in those better relations which have been built up during a number of years between ourselves and the United States."

The signers include William Archer, A. C. Benson, Silas K. Hocking, Sir Henry Arthur Jones, Sir Sidney Lee, John Massfield, E. W. Hornung, Sir Gilbert Parker, Sir Arthur W. Pinero and Sir Owen Seaman.

A memorial to the same effect has already been signed by nearly 300 members of parliament and will shortly be presented.

20,000 BALES COTTON IS IMPERIAL CROP ESTIMATE

IMPERIAL, Feb. 24.—So great has been the success of this year's cotton crop that it is believed that the crop of the coming year will be more than three times as great. Twenty thousand bales is the estimated total of this crop. Argyle McLachlan, assistant in crop acclimatization, United States department of agriculture, who is one of the most conservative experts in the valley, estimates that the crop next year will be between 50,000 and 75,000 bales.

Several reasons lead Mr. McLachlan to this belief. One is the announcement from W. K. Bowles that he has leased 40,000 acres in Mexico to growers of cotton for the coming year. A great number of new people are coming into the valley and announcing an intention to plant cotton this year.

END OF RED CROSS WAR AID IS URGED

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Miss Edith Durham, whose dispatches from the Balkans contained some of the most vivid descriptions of the horrors of the recent war, expressed her conviction that "no Red Cross aid ought to be sent out in a war. To heal men's wounds and send them back to the front as soon as possible is to prolong war indefinitely," she said.

"But for the Red Cross aid," she said, "the war would have been ended much sooner." If the bullet from a Mauser rifle does not hit a vital spot, the wounded man can return to the front in ten days. The one idea of the wounded, she said, was to get back for revenge and loot.

DOWIE'S TOBACCO BAN IS DECLARED ILLEGAL

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 24.—John Alexander Dowie's dictum against tobacco in Zion City, Ill., was overthrown by the Illinois supreme court. The city ordinance of Zion City forbidding the use of tobacco within the city limits was declared unconstitutional.

Hay, grain and sugar beet ranchers of Southern California predict bumper crops from their soil this year as a result of the rain.

The heaviest damage in Southern California was suffered by the railroads. Never was transportation in this part of the state so crippled, and estimates of the loss to the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, Salt Lake and Pacific Electric lines range upwards of \$2,000,000.

On the Southern Pacific lines to the East the most severe trouble is in the vicinity of El Monte, where Division Superintendent Whalen is supervising the work. Several bridges are out.

The damage to the Pacific Electric lines was roughly estimated by engineers of the company at \$350,000. But few of the many lines running in all directions from Los Angeles escaped the severe effect of the storm.

The main line of the Santa Fe through Pasadena is washed out in forty places. The bridge over the Arroyo Seco collapsed, sixty feet were washed from the approach of a bridge near Monrovia, and the swollen San Gabriel river has played havoc with the track.

The Salt Lake's San Pedro line is washed away at Workman. The Pasadena and Glendale lines are out.

Wire Service Crippled

The Postal Telegraph system was completely cut off from the North and the East as a result of the storm.

The Western Union is taking care of a limited amount of business by means of roundabout loops. To communicate with San Bernardino and Redlands it is necessary to reach those cities through far-off Chicago. The towns of the Imperial Valley are connected through El Paso.

Wires are down between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, and the connection is made through San Francisco.

Except to railway and telegraph lines, practically no damage was done outside the immediate districts of the rivers. Orange county reported that the heavy storm had been entirely beneficial and that there had been no damage in Orange county. The same was true of nearly every county in Southern California with the exception of the damage done to the railways and bridges.

CLAIM MEALY BUG "DOPE" KILLS TREES

SAN BERNARDINO, Feb. 24.—George J. Laidlaw and R. W. Campbell of Ontario were before the county supervisors with a request that the county pay damages estimated at about \$10,000 for the results of fumigating citrus trees in the west end for the purpose of exterminating the mealy bug.

The bug was exterminated, but so were a large number of trees, it is claimed. The fumigators declare that they followed the directions laid down by County Horticultural Commissioner S. A. Pease. Mr. Pease contradicts this assertion.

The board has put the question of liability up to District Attorney Goodcell.

STATE POLICIES COVER \$30,000,000 PAY ROLL

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—From forty to fifty applications for policies are being received daily by the state's accident insurance department, which after seven weeks of operation has collected \$220,991 on nearly 2500 policies. The state has insured employers having a total pay roll of more than \$30,000,000.

Nearly forty claims, most of them small, have been registered. The department's branch at Los Angeles is doing a big share of the business.

FINDS RECEIPT FOR \$5 GAS IN 1882

SAN BERNARDINO, Feb. 24.—It's "dollar gas" nowadays in San Bernardino, but Arthur Palmer is exhibiting a curiosity in the shape of a gas receipt issued here in 1882, showing that in those days San Bernardino paid for gas at the rate of \$5 per thousand feet.

The receipt was found by Mr. Palmer among the records of Valley lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which he has for many years been secretary. It shows that during the month of January, 1882, the lodge used 850 feet of gas, for which it paid \$4.25. At the present rate the bill would have been 85 cents.

FRENCH BIRDMEN DECLARE DUEL OFF

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Seconds for Jules Vedrines, the aviator, and Rene Quinton, president of the Aerial league, announced that there was no ground for a duel, first, because Vedrines would have to fight the aviator, Henri Roux, whom he struck in public at Cairo, and second, because Quinton's telegram recalling Vedrines from Cairo in connection with the incident was not of an insulting character.

BANK ACCOUNT OF \$1 FOR EVERY NEW BABY

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—The State Bank of Evanston will give \$1 to the credit of every baby born within the limits of the city. Parents are advised to deposit sums corresponding to the age of the child on each birthday, making a total of \$250 by the time the child is 21. The bank hopes to combat the tendency toward race suicide.

COUNTY \$3,500,000 HIGHWAY ISSUE IS SPENT

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—In less than one month the work on the Chatsworth grade road will be completed, marking the last lap of the construction work authorized by the good roads bond issue four years ago, when \$3,500,000 was raised for better roads in this county.

Approximately 300 miles of the best roads now course through the county, making it one of the leading good roads sections of the United States.

The last stretch is less than a mile in length, and will cost \$25,000. The new highway will cross the Southern Pacific tracks over the Chatsworth tunnel, avoiding a very dangerous intersection. The Southern Pacific Railway company will contribute \$5000 to the work on this piece of road.

The money appropriated for the good roads by the bond issue of four years ago will be entirely exhausted when the Chatsworth crossing is completed.

Road experts who have visited the county and observed the work have all declared that macadam roads in Southern California should be among the longest lived of any in the world, as the weather conditions here are considered best for petroleum dressed roads.

POSSES TRAILING TRAIN BANDITS; LOOT \$100,000

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 23.—That the amount of loot secured by bandits who held up a Queen and Crescent passenger train near Atlanta Saturday night may reach \$100,000 is admitted by government officials. While they would make no definite estimate as to the amount secured by robbers, it is said that the train usually carried large shipments of money and that the pouches rifled might possibly have contained \$100,000 or more.

A posse is searching for the hold-ups. A railway messenger was stabbed in the battle with the robbers.

The train was flagged at Tala by three masked men, who leaped into the engineer's cab and covered the engineer and fireman and commanded the train crew to uncouple the mail and express cars from the train. These cars were run a mile, the locomotive stopped, and the mail car detached. The three bandits were here reinforced. The messengers refused to open the express door, and a fight began. The car was ransacked after overpowering the messenger. The passengers knew nothing of the robbery.

48,351 AUTOS LICENSED BY STATE

FIGURES FOR NEW REGISTRATION LAW ARE ANNOUNCED

Warnings Issued to Motorists—Many Complaints Have Been Made About Failure to Keep Mufflers Closed

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 24.—Registration figures for the motor vehicle department are as follows:

Automobiles, 48,351
Operators' licenses, 56,060
Chauffeurs, 8685
Motorcycles, 8531

Total receipts for registration of all kinds since January are \$565,557.50. "Considerable criticism has been made by the public regarding the non-observance of the law by operators of automobiles and motorcycles because many seem to make no effort whatever to comply with the law to prevent excessive or unusual noises on the public highways. We desire to call their particular attention, therefore, to section 16, which reads as follows:

"Every motor vehicle must have devices in good working order which shall be at all times in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noises, annoying smoke and the escape of gas, steam or oil, as well as the falling out of residue from fuel, and all exhaust pipes carrying exhaust gases from the engine shall be directed parallel to the ground or slightly upward. Devices known as 'muffler cutouts' shall not be used within the limits of any incorporated city and county within the state.

"No person having control or charge of a motor vehicle shall allow such motor vehicle to stand in any public street or public highway unattended without first locking or making it fast or effectively setting the brakes thereon and stopping the motor of vehicle."

"Considerable confusion through ignorance of the law appears to exist upon the part of the public in connection with the transfer of ownership of motor vehicles. The following brief resume of the law should be carefully studied by such persons. Under the law the registration of a motor vehicle ceases with its change of ownership, and the owner who has sold it must make a report of such change of ownership on a regular form provided by the motor vehicle division.

"This is known as 'Form 20,' and should be properly filled out and mailed to the state treasurer, accompanied by the registered motor vehicle seal and pair of number plates. The person purchasing this automobile must immediately make application for the registration of same on 'Form 9.' The new owners should make application for registration of motor vehicle, just as though the cars had not previously been registered, and the fee to be paid is in accordance with its horsepower."

"MONA LISA" THEFT FAKE, SAYS ARTIST

PARIS, Feb. 23.—"Mona Lisa" was not stolen at all; the world-famed picture was simply carted away at government instigation to divert the attention of the populace for its clamor for a war with Germany."

With this sensational declaration Lawton Parker, the American artist, who won the first gold medal in the art exhibition in Paris this winter with his painting, "La Paresse" ("Idleness"), has sought to explain why the thief, Vincenzo Peruggia, was not imprisoned.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS

CLEANED FROM NUMEROUS SECTIONS OF BOTH HEMISPHERES

Dispatches Picturing Developments From the Outside World Stripped of Unnecessary Details and Presented in Brief

Women Lose by One Vote

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Feb. 23.—The bill to enfranchise women was defeated in the South Africa assembly by one vote.

Teachers Win Strike

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Striking teachers of the elementary schools in the county of Hereford won their demand for a minimum salary.

Women Rule Here

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Ekwoti tribe of Southern Nigeria is ruled absolutely by the women, according to P. A. Talbot, an African explorer, of London.

Cable Pictures 1915 Feature

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—Prof. Korn, inventor of telephotography, says photographs by cable will be transmitted by his system during the Panama exposition to be held at San Francisco.

U. S. Navy Aviator Killed

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 24.—With his aeroplane 500 feet in the air, a portion of the machine broke, and Lieut. J. M. Murray of the naval aviation corps was dashed to death in the bay here.

Mumps Now Menace Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Pickles and other sour articles of food are in demand at the senate, where senators with blanched faces are "testing" out for the mumps. Senator Luke Lea of Tennessee is down with this infantile disease, and the entire senate, including Vice-President Marshall, has been exposed to it.

Huerta Celebrates

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 23.—Provisional President Huerta celebrated the first anniversary of his accession to the presidency. An imposing military demonstration was held early in the day. Twelve thousand troops paraded through the streets after Huerta had conferred decorations on his favorite officers in reward for their loyalty.

Bachelors Pay \$5 Baby Tax

AURORA, Ill., Feb. 24.—Every male resident of Aurora who is 25 years of age and is not a father must pay a tax of \$5 for the support of the nursery for homeless children. The Mothers' club has set about collecting the levy. The club declares that any man who refuses to pay will be listed with the mothers of all the young women of the town. So far nobody has refused.

Atlantic Refused Drydock

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The house naval affairs committee by a vote of 11 to 6 approved the report of its subcommittee that no drydock should be constructed on the Atlantic coast this year.

It is conceded by the committee that the program of two battleships, eight destroyers and three submarines, which the subcommittee proposed to build, will be within the total of \$140,000,000. This is \$500,000 less than the bill of last year, which provided for but one battleship.

Ship's Crew of 508 Rescued

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—After battling with a fierce sea and gale, the steamship Roma, Fabre line, with 418 passengers aboard and a crew of 90 men, was floated with the help of a tug which risked destruction in the storm to answer the "S. O. S." calls of the ship, which went ashore on the shoals of No Man's Land.

The scene of the accident is one of the most dangerous places along the coast. The British steel barkentine Lakeside went down near the spot where the Roma was grounded two years ago, and only a few miles away the steamship Republic, rammed by another vessel, sank after her passengers had been rescued.

Hotel Porter's Savings \$75,000

LONDON, Feb. 23.—With a fortune of \$75,000, a head porter of a hotel not far from Pall Mall has just retired. An investigation shows his case is not exceptional. Another man, head porter at a little hotel near Piccadilly, will retire in a few weeks with a comfortable fortune, although in the eighteen years of his service he has never received wages.

At some hotels, it is disclosed, the head porter pays for the privilege of standing on the doortstep. Out of his tips he must meet the expense of three or four assistants.

At other places the pooling system is in vogue, but here the share of the head porter rarely falls below \$50 a week.

COATS AND CORSETS AID "BOOTLEGGERS"

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Feb. 24.—The latest fad "among cottagers" is the "29-quart" coat and the "16-pint" corset.

The federal prohibition authorities at Muskogee discovered a design of the coat which apparently is the very latest out. It was found in a trunk full of whisky that was confiscated. It is worn by a person who must be of athletic build to stand the weight, and not too stout. In wearing it he becomes a good example of a fat man, and is just that innocent-looking. The deputy marshal says that a lean man with a whisky jacket on cannot be told from a bona fide fat man without a personal inspection.

The corset is used on the same principle by women smugglers, and with the same effect, except that it is on a smaller scale and holds less liquor.